

his way, unaided, through the world, should begin by learning a trade. It is a laudable ambition in a parent to endeavour to raise his family to a better station in life. He cannot bestow on his children too high an education. But a wise man will be on his guard, lest the enjoyment of such advantages should render those occupations distasteful, which afford the most secure and ample livelihood to those whose lot it is to labour. When justly appreciated, the condition of the skilled artisan should be as much esteemed as that of any other class of the community. He whose life is passed in performing such needed services for his fellow-men, whatever his special calling, holds an honorable station, and social dignity will ever be most effectually maintained by those who are the least dependent upon the favours of others.

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thought.

In conclusion, I would tender a few words of advice to my fellow-countrymen of the so-called working classes, for whose welfare I am bound to feel the deepest solicitude. Their just claim to share in the benefits arising from a thriving industry has of late been liberally recognised. The earnings in many trades have been unprecedented. It should not be forgotten that forethought is an especial duty in a time of prosperity. At no distant period, the progress of our commerce may sustain at least a temporary check. It will be sad indeed if the receding tide leaves behind it multitudes of our highly-paid workmen without the slightest provision to meet a period of adversity.